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This communication is to inform applicant that in paragraph 1 on page 2 of the Office action mailed March 25, 2005, the Examiner inadvertently set forth that a request for continued examination (RCE), including a fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) were filed after final rejection. Said paragraph should not have been present in said Office action because the RCE was filed July 6, 2004. Applicant's submission filed on February 15, 2005 was properly entered because it was a timely amendment which was a response to the Office action mailed November 18, 2004, not a response to a final rejection. The Office action mailed November 18, 2004 was in response to the RCE filed July 6, 2004. The Examiner apologizes for any inconvenience said paragraph may have caused.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alan Diamond whose telephone number is 571-272-1338. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nam Nguyen, can be reached at 571-272-1342. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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